



# Mike Linnig's KARAOKE CONTEST

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FRENCH KISS PRODUCTIONS

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**QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS CONTEST CAN BE DIRECTED TO: [EVENTS@MIKELINNIGSRESTAURANT.COM](mailto:EVENTS@MIKELINNIGSRESTAURANT.COM)**

**LOCATION:** MIKE LINNIG'S RESTAURANT / 9308 CANE RUN ROAD / LOUISVILLE, KY 40258

## **GENERAL RULES**

- SOLO PERFORMANCE ONLY; ONLY PARTICIPANT IS ALLOWED ON STAGE; NO DUETS; NO BACK-UP DANCERS
- EACH PARTICIPANT IS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN ONE DIVISION
- PARTICIPANT'S AGE ON THE NIGHT THE CONTEST BEGINS (MAY 22, 2024) DETERMINES AGE DIVISION
- AGE VERIFICATION IS REQUIRED TO COMPETE IN THE ADULT DIVISION AND WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ASK FOR AGE VERIFICATION IN ANY DIVISION; ANYONE FOUND COMPETING IN THE INCORRECT DIVISION IS SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION
- AGE DIVISIONS: KIDS (7-12), TEENS (13-17), ADULT (18+)
- ANY PROPS MUST BE MANAGEABLE BY THE PARTICIPANT DURING THE SET-UP TRANSITION TIME WHEN CALLED TO STAGE
- NO SPECIAL EFFECTS (SMOKE, CONFETTI, ETC), INSTRUMENTS PLAYED, EQUIPMENT, ETC ALLOWED
- NO LIVE ANIMALS, WEAPONS OR FIRE OF ANY KIND
- PARTICIPANT MUST BE A SINGER OF AMATEUR STATUS, ONE IN WHICH SINGING IS NOT PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME. SHOULD IT BE PROVEN THAT SINGING IS PARTICIPANT'S PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME, THEREFORE, A PROFESSIONAL SINGER, PARTICIPANT WILL BECOME INELIGIBLE TO WIN MIKE LINNIG'S KARAOKE CONTEST. ANY CASH/TROPHY PRIZE THE PARTICIPANT MAY HAVE WON, OR HAVE BEEN ELIGIBLE TO WIN, ARE HEREBY FORFEITED IN THEIR ENTIRETY.
- A PARTICIPANT IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO WIN FIRST PLACE IN THE SAME DIVISION OF MIKE LINNIG'S KARAOKE CONTEST MORE THAN ONCE IN A 5 YEAR PERIOD. ELIGIBILITY IS RENEWED WHEN A PARTICIPANT MOVES UP IN AGE DIVISION DURING THE 5 YEAR PERIOD. FOR EXAMPLE, THE 2024 WINNER OF THE KIDS DIVISION IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE KIDS DIVISION AGAIN UNTIL 2029. HOWEVER, IF THE PARTICIPANT AGES INTO THE TEEN DIVISION DURING THAT 5 YEAR PERIOD THEN ELIGIBILITY RESETS.
- NO EMPLOYEE OF MIKE LINNIG'S OR FRENCH KISS PRODUCTIONS IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST.

## **REGISTRATION:**

- THERE WILL BE A \$15 ENTRY FEE/PARTICIPANT FOR ALL QUALIFYING ROUNDS (IF YOU PERFORM IN MULTIPLE QUALIFIERS A FEE APPLIES EACH TIME)
- REGISTRATION FOR QUALIFYING ROUNDS WILL OPEN PROMPTLY AT 5PM AND WILL CLOSE WHEN THE MAX NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FOR THAT NIGHT HAS BEEN REACHED OR AT 5:45PM (WHICHEVER COMES FIRST)
- PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PUT INTO A RANDOM DRAW TO DETERMINE PERFORMANCE ORDER (SEMI-FINALS & FINAL ROUNDS ONLY)

## **AWARDS:**

EACH CATEGORY WILL HAVE A CASH AWARD FOR THE 1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACE WINNERS (AMOUNTS NOTED BELOW) AND A TROPHY WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP 5 IN EACH CATEGORY. TAXES INCURRED ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPANT.

- KIDS (AGES 7-12): \$200/100/50
- TEENS (AGES 13-17): \$500/250/100
- ADULTS (AGES 18+): \$3,000/1,500/500

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**MUSIC:**

- ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT MUSIC AVAILABILITY AND SONG VERSIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO: TERI (502.356.8396) NO LESS THAN 48 HOURS AHEAD OF CONTEST START. NO QUESTIONS ABOUT MUSIC WILL BE ANSWERED WITHIN THE 48 HOUR WINDOW LEADING UP TO THE PERFORMANCE.
- ALL SONGS SHOULD BE FAMILY FRIENDLY AND AGE APPROPRIATE. JUDGES TAKE AGE APPROPRIATENESS INTO ACCOUNT WHEN SCORING.
- MIKE LINNIG'S RESTAURANT AND THE KARAOKE TEAM HOLDS THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE WHICH SONGS ARE AGE APPROPRIATE AND MAY DECLINE ANY SONG. ANY CONTESTANT WHO PERFORMS AN INAPPROPRIATE SONG (AS DETERMINED BY MIKE LINNIG'S OR THE KARAOKE TEAM) MAY BE DISQUALIFIED.
- MIKE LINNIG'S AND THE KARAOKE TEAM HOLDS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY SONG CHOICE.

**JUDGING:**

- PARTICIPANTS WILL BE JUDGED ON: SINGING (65%), STAGE PRESENTATION (25%), LEVEL OF SONG DIFFICULTY (10%)
- ALL DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL. JUDGES SCORES, PLACEMENT AND COMMENTS WILL NOT BE RELEASED AT ANY TIME (OTHER THAN THE AWARDS GIVEN ON STAGE).
- PARTICIPANTS SHOULD NOT ASK JUDGES OR KARAOKE TEAM ABOUT ANY SCORES OR PLACEMENT, DOING SO COULD RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.
- UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN A RELATIVE BE A JUDGE FOR THE CONTEST YOU ARE IN. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPANT TO NOTIFY KARAOKE STAFF IF THEY HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH A JUDGE FOR THE CONTEST ON THAT DAY. FAILURE TO NOTIFY A KARAOKE STAFF OF THIS RELATIONSHIP WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.

**ALL PERFORMERS MUST AGREE TO THE BELOW:**

I AGREE THAT ALL PHOTOGRAPHS, FILMS, VIDEO AND ANY OTHER PUBLICITY MATERIALS, RESULTING FROM MY ASSOCIATION WITH AND PARTICIPATION IN THE MIKE LINNIG'S KARAOKE CONTEST, WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF MIKE LINNIG'S RESTAURANT, INC. AND FRENCH KISS PRODUCTIONS TO BE USED IN THE FUTURE AS THE COMPANY SEES FIT WITHOUT COMPENSATION TO ME. I HOLD HARMLESS, MIKE LINNIG'S RESTAURANT, INC. AND FRENCH KISS PRODUCTIONS THEIR AGENTS, SERVANTS, AND EMPLOYEES AGAINST ALL CLAIMS OR DEMANDS ARISING OR RESULTING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE MIKE LINNIG'S KARAOKE CONTEST. I AGREE TO ANY MEDICAL TREATMENT (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EMERGENCY OR FIRST AID TREATMENT) WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED. WITHOUT LIMITATIONS. MIKE LINNIG'S RESTAURANT, INC. AND FRENCH KISS PRODUCTIONS, THEIR AGENTS, SERVANTS, AND EMPLOYEES SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGES TO PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND/OR INSTRUMENTS, COSTUMES, BODILY INJURY, SICKNESS, MENTAL ANGUISH, OR DEATH FROM ANY CAUSE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MIKE LINNIG'S KARAOKE CONTEST.

MIKE LINNIG'S HOLDS THE RIGHT TO DISQUALIFY ANY PARTICIPANT FOR ANY REASON – OR END A PERFORMANCE AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON. MIKE LINNIG'S RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES TO RULES AND REGULATIONS AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON.

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